

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA,
WHEELING DIVISION**

PROGRESSIVE MINERALS LLC.,	§
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Plaintiff,	§ CASE NO. 5:07-CV-108
V.	§
MUHAMMAD HAROON RASHID, GERALD D. HENDRIX, DAVID M. BERNSTEIN, and JUDE O'NURKERA	§
	§
Defendants.	§

**PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTER ROGATORY
TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS AND TO TAKE ORAL AND VIDEO DEPOSITION OF
JOHN DOUGLAS REYNOLDS**

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, Progressive Minerals LLC., ("Plaintiff" or "Progressive"), through its undersigned attorneys and requests the issuance of a Letter Rogatory directed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia requesting that John Douglas Reynolds give deposition testimony and produce documents in connection with the above-captioned case. In support of this motion, Plaintiff would show the Court as follows:

1. This case involves a conspiracy to swindle a West Virginia company that was seeking to obtain financing to acquire a coal mine in Bishop, McDowell County, West Virginia (the "Mine"). In reliance upon fraudulent misrepresentations that Global Empire Investments & Holdings, LLC ("Global Empire") was a financially solid business entity, comprised of highly reputable people, with numerous holdings throughout the world, and could easily provide the necessary \$200,000,000.00 in financing to acquire the Mine, Plaintiff entered into an agreement with Global Empire.

2. In reality, Global Empire was a façade. According to its subsequent bankruptcy filing, Global Empire had virtually no unencumbered assets, never made a loan, had no real employees, and had virtually none of the many subsidiaries and holdings that had been represented to Progressive. In essence, Global Empire was an enterprise comprised of the Defendants who through various lies and misrepresentations created the illusion of a mythical business enterprise in order to defraud Progressive out of a \$750,000.00 loan commitment fee. In all, Progressive lost in excess of \$1.25 million as a result of the Defendants fraudulent scheme.

3. Prior to providing Global Empire with the \$750,000.00 loan commitment fee, Progressive was provided a PowerPoint detailing Global Empire's Organizational Structure. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached hereto as "Exhibit A". The witness, John Douglas Reynolds, was represented within the PowerPoint as being a member of Global Empire's Board of Directors. Progressive was likewise provided detailed resumes and biographies of all the key members of Global Empire, including, the witness, John Douglas Reynolds. A copy of the Curriculum Vitae of the witness, John Douglas Reynolds, is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. In reliance upon the information provided concerning Global Empire, its alleged affiliates and subsidiaries, and the impressive resumes of the individuals comprising Global Empire, Progressive was induced into entering into a Term Sheet with Global Empire.

5. While acknowledging meeting with several of the Defendants for the purpose of discussing Global Empire, the witness, John Douglas Reynolds, has denied that anything came from those discussions. The witness, John Douglas Reynolds, has further denied any involvement with Global Empire. The witness, John Douglas Reynolds, however, has made no

direct allegations with regard to the legitimacy of the PowerPoint or the Curriculum Vitae provided to Progressive.

6. Plaintiff has good cause to believe that the witness has knowledge of and is competent to testify about Plaintiff's claims against the Defendants.

7. The witness, John Douglas Reynolds resides and works in the province of British Columbia, Canada, where he may be served with process. Plaintiff has attempted to contact Mr. Reynolds on several occasions but to no avail. Plaintiff prays that John Douglas Reynolds be summoned in accordance with the laws of British Columbia to appear on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., local time, in the Wickenden Room in the Delta Vancouver Suites Hotel, 550 W. Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6B1L6.

8. WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that the Court order the Clerk of the Court to issue the Letter Rogatory attached as "Exhibit C" to this Motion.

Dated: May 6th, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served via certified mail, return receipt requested, on the following counsel of record on May 6, 2009.

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